

Landlocked parcels
recommended for
Private Sale to
adjoining landowners

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File# FO 83 O (5) - Vilas County - 39.6 acres

The Department acquired this property in 1911 as a part of a larger acquisition.

There is suitable habitat for eagle nests on this parcel (large super-canopy pines out on the peninsula that would be attractive as perching or nesting trees). This parcel falls within the Wildlife Action Plan Conservation Opportunity Area named the Wisconsin River Headwaters COA, but this parcel is not directly associated with the Wisconsin River. This property is landlocked so use is restricted to those with adjacent property. The property is mostly wetland and has a beaver pond in the center.

The Department recommends that the Natural Resources Board offer this land for sale under the authority granted by s. 23.145 Wis. Stats.

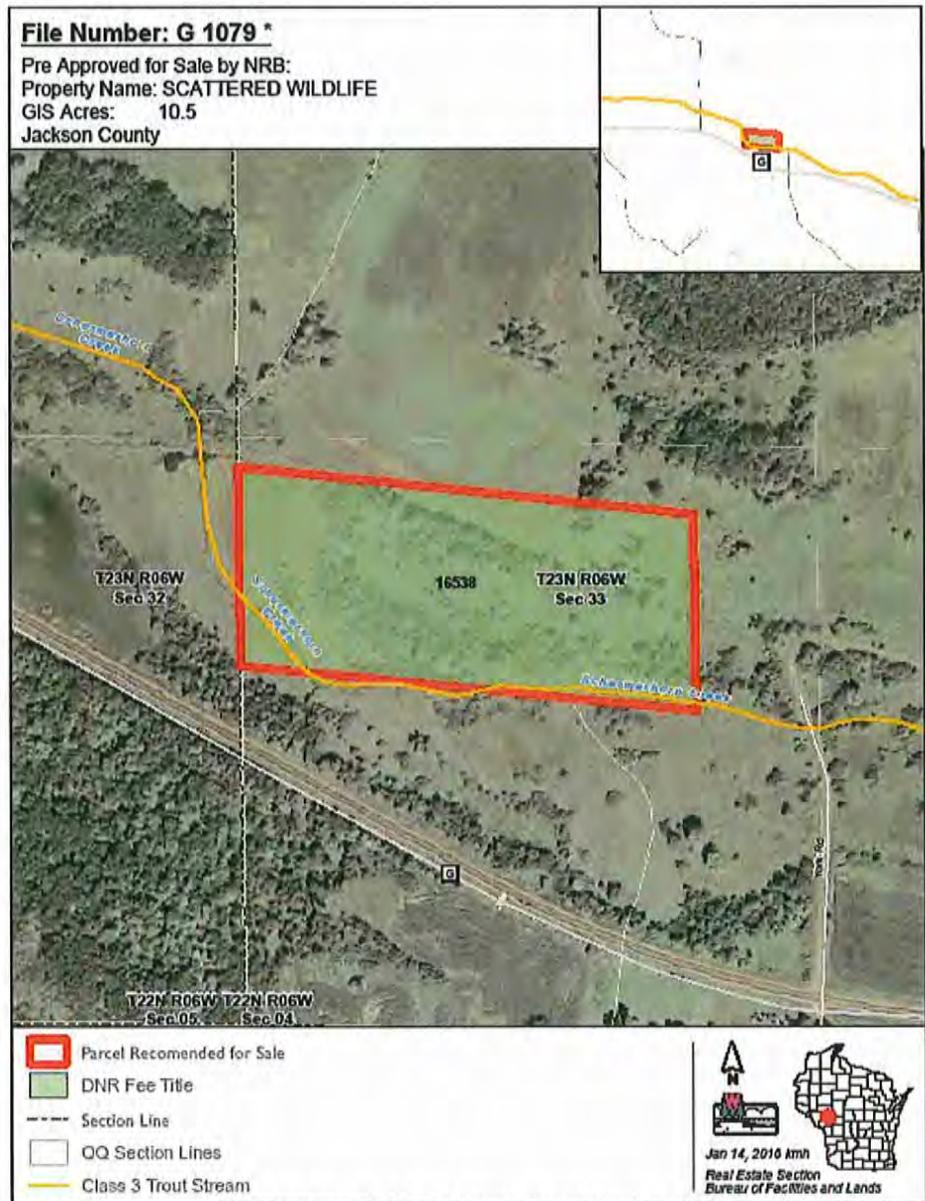


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File# G 1079 - Jackson County - 10.5 acres

The Department purchased this property in 1961 for \$382.20. The property has approximately 755 feet of two-bank frontage on Schermerhorn Creek, a class three trout stream. There is a small structure on the property that is in poor condition and falling down. The parcel is landlocked, so use is limited to those that have private adjoining land and the general public is restricted to legal access from the creek. The Department has not invested in infrastructure or habitat improvements to the property. Due to its size and difficult access, the property provides minimal recreational opportunities, but provides habitat benefits for wildlife, stream bank protection and groundwater filtration. Because of the classification of the stream as a trout stream, a stream bank easement is recommended for the property.

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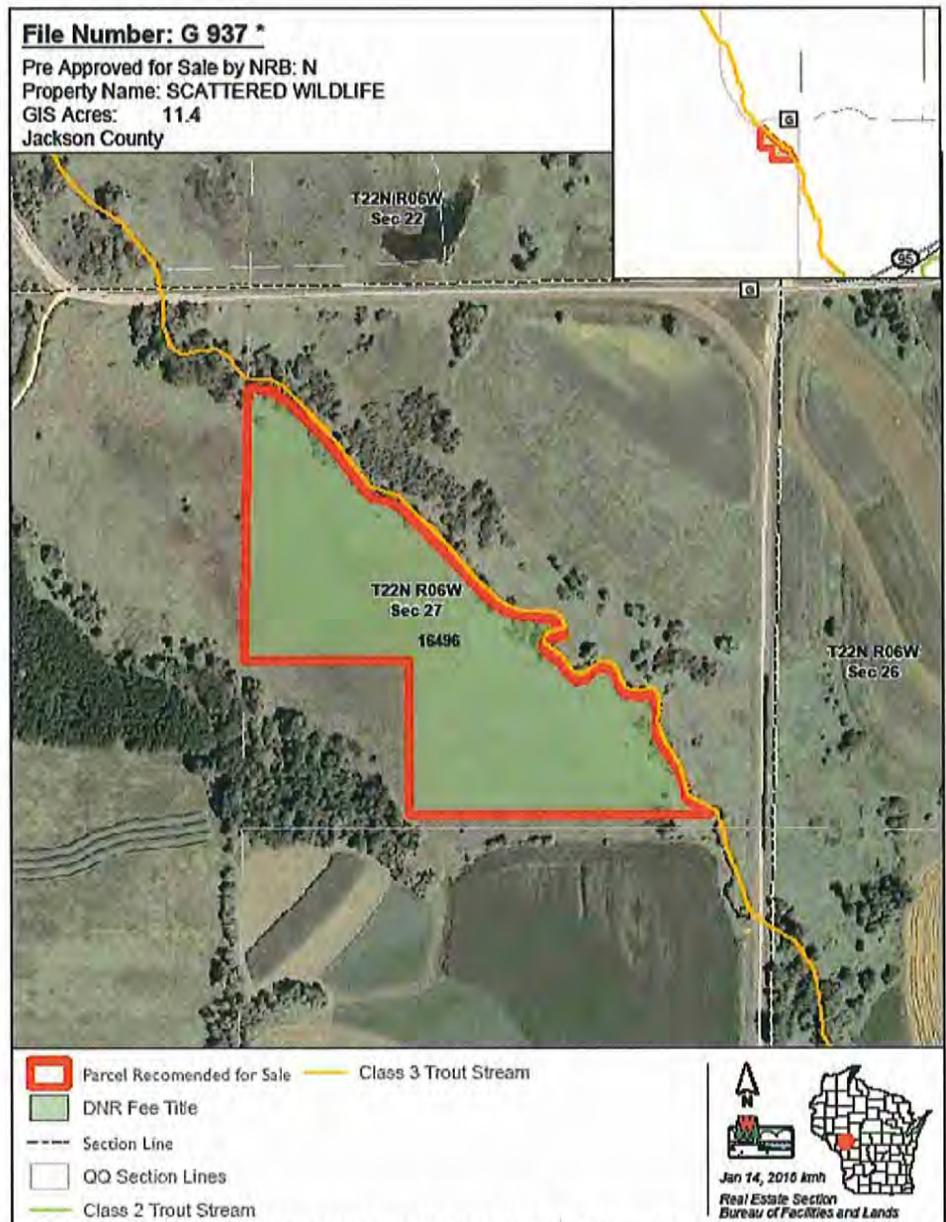
File# G 937 - Jackson County - 11.4 acres

The Department purchased this property in 1959 for \$360. The property has approximately 1,798 feet of one-bank frontage on Curran Creek, a class three trout stream. The property provides habitat for wetland/grassland species and other wildlife, as well as water quality protection.

The property has no road access, so use is limited to the adjoining private lands and the general public is restricted to legal access from the creek. Hunting may occur on the property, but is unlikely due to the poor access, small size and open grass habitat.

The Department has not made significant investments in infrastructure or habitat improvements. The Department has been contacted by adjacent landowners interested in acquiring the parcel. Because of the classification of the stream as a trout stream, a stream bank easement is recommended for the property.

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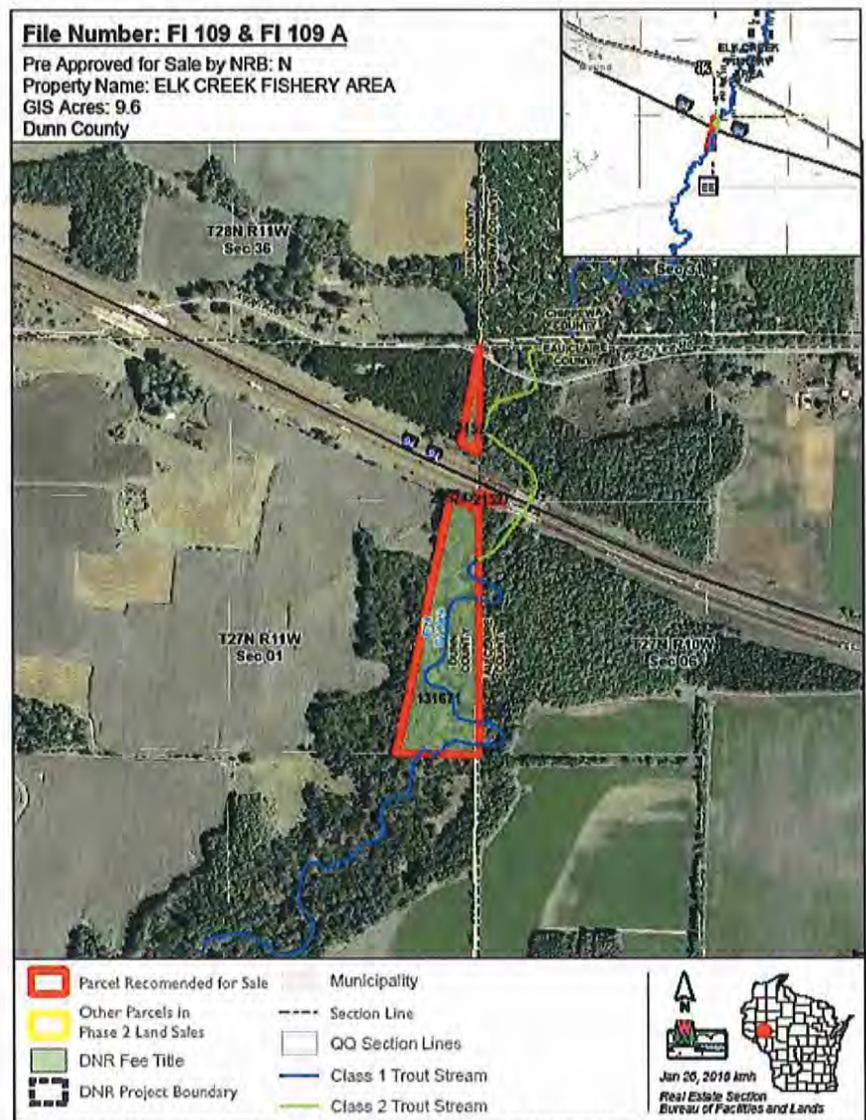
File# FI 109 & FI 109 A - Dunn County - 9.6 acres

The Department purchased these properties in 1959 for a total of \$101 from the State Highway Commission, as the land was deemed not necessary for highway purposes. It was acquired for the Elk Creek Fishery Area, but is located outside the project boundary. The land is subject to the following deed restrictions: No junked autos, auto parts, or salvage materials, no advertising signs or billboards erected, located or maintained on lands, no ingress egress to I-94 from the parcels, and no buildings or structures to be allowed within 200 feet of the centerline of the median off I-94.

The property has approximately 2,670 feet of frontage on Elk Creek, a class 1 & 2 trout stream. Much of the Elk Creek riparian corridor is in State ownership or easement and the State is currently buying easements on Elk Creek as part of the Streambank Easement Program. The small northern portion of the property has road access, but the larger portion south of I-94 is landlocked. Because the property lacks road access, use is limited to those that have private adjoining land and the general public is restricted

to legal access from Elk Creek. On one of the parcels, there is a two-track road that goes through the parcel with "No Trespassing" signs. The parcel is not posted as state owned land at this time. The Department's deed needs to be corrected to accurately represent ownership in this area. The Department has not invested in infrastructure or habitat improvements and the parcel is land locked.

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File# G 1378 – Fond du Lac County - 33.9 acres

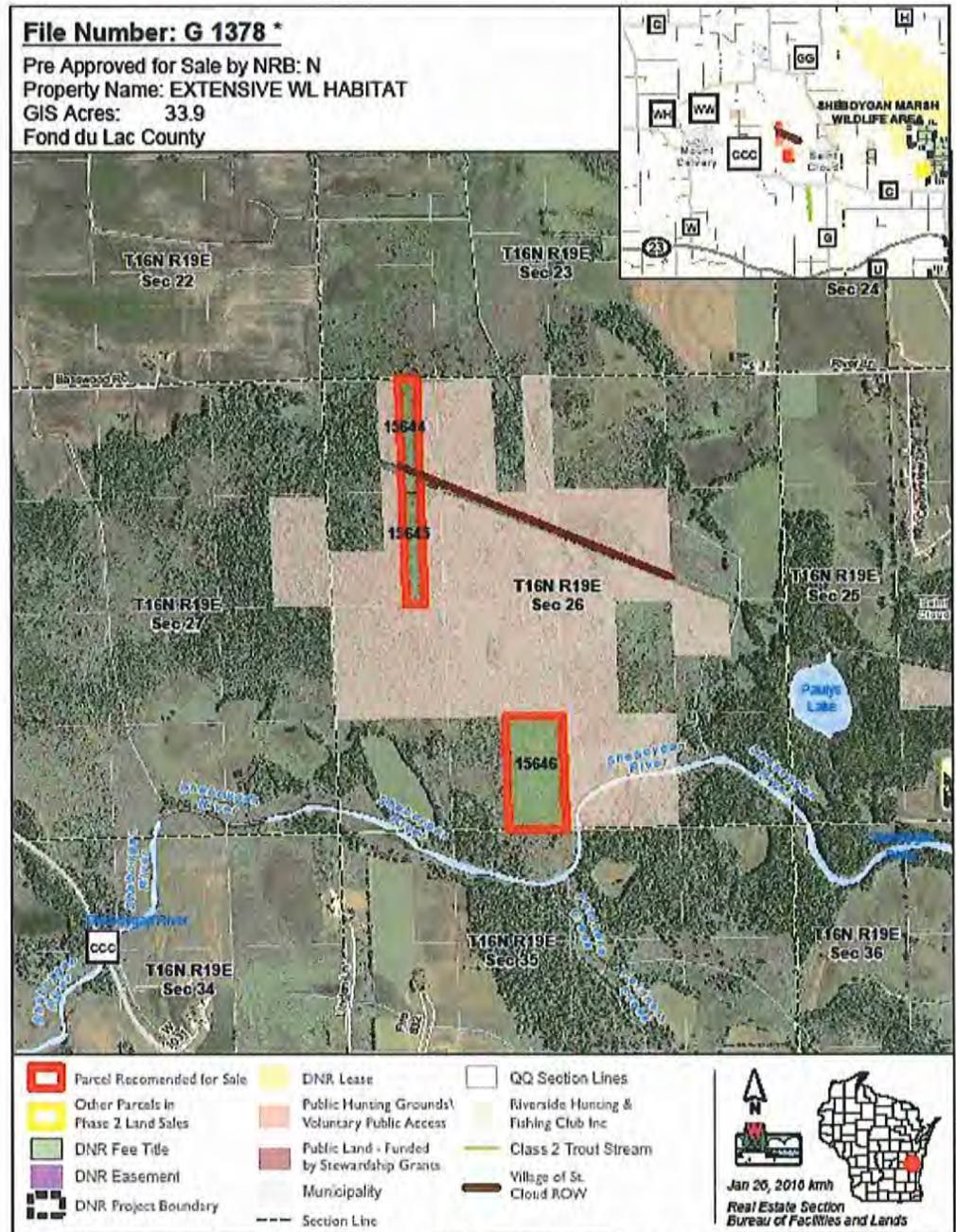
The Department purchased this property in 1963 for \$328.00. This properties land cover is wetland and drains south into the Sheboygan River. The property has no legal road access and use is restricted to adjacent landowners.

The Department has not made investments in infrastructure or habitat improvements on the property. Minimal staff time has been dedicated to the property in answering questions from the public regarding the property.

There is a snowmobile trail that runs across the old rail bed in the northern part of this property. Fond du Lac County parcel data indicates the Village of St. Cloud has deeded title to the rail bed which divides the northern 12.8 acre parcel.

Additional title research needs to be completed ensuring clear title prior to any sale occurring. The property is landlocked and will only be offered to adjoining landowners. There is a conservation organization located next to the land that offers hunting access, a shooting range, hunter education and other activities to its membership base. The Department lands provide an important buffer and additional land for members to use. They have expressed interest in the land.

The Department recommends that the Natural Resources Board offer this land for sale under the authority granted by s. 23.145 Wis. Stats. subject to an easement for the existing snowmobile trail.



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File# W 778 - Vernon County - 0.57 acres

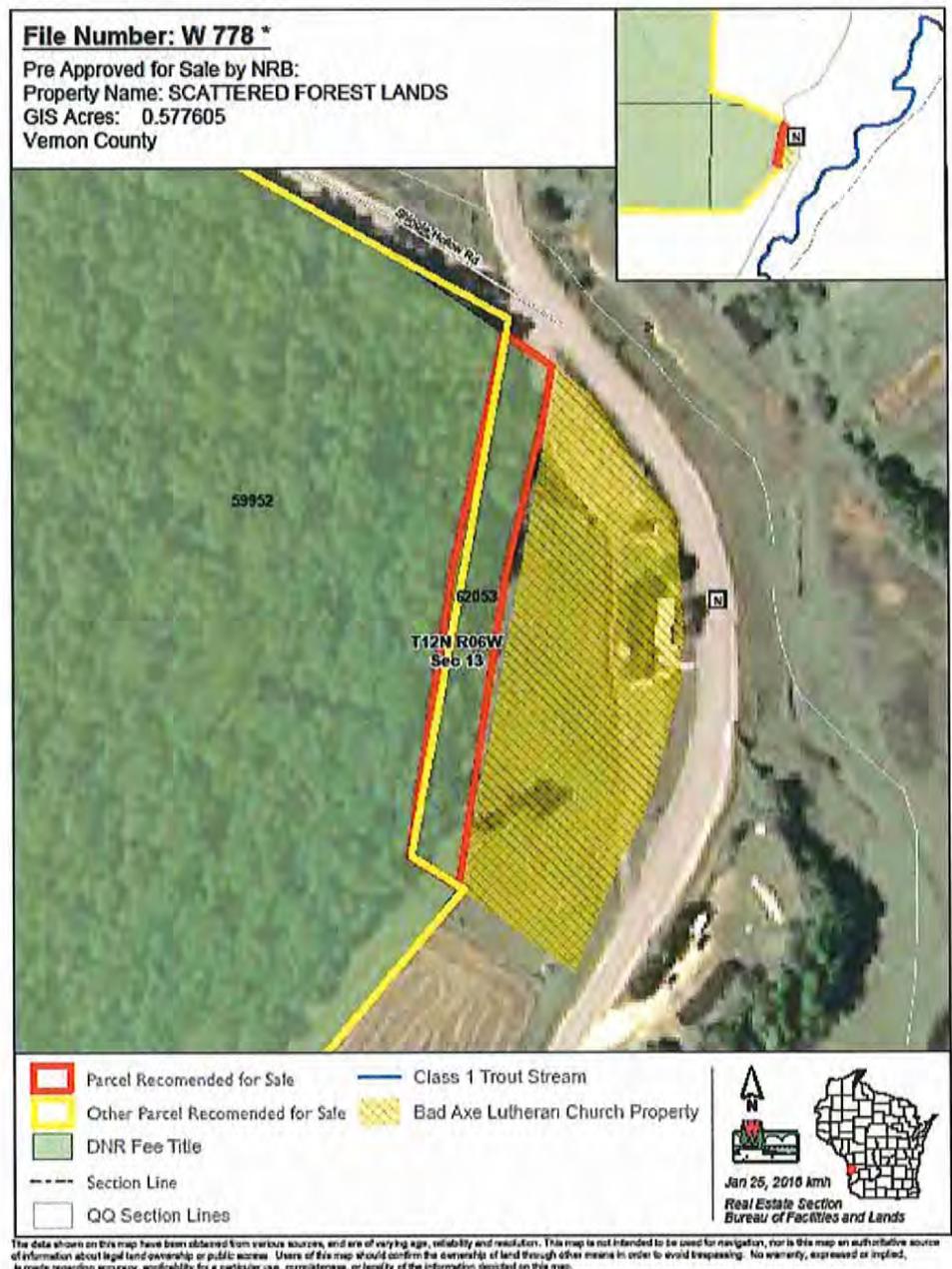
The Department acquired this property in 1988 from the Bad Axe Lutheran Church in an exchange.

The Department has not made investments in infrastructure or habitat improvements. Small investments have been made to inspect property boundaries. Because this is such a small acreage, loss of public recreational opportunities via its sale would be negligible.

The Department has been contacted by Bad Axe Lutheran Church with concerns that grave stones could be damaged by trees and tree limbs on Department property falling onto adjacent church cemetery. A timber sale on this property was included with another timber sale on the larger Department property. However, due to steep slopes on which the trees behind the cemetery were located, the logger did not have proper equipment to safely harvest the trees. Falling limbs/trees have not been an issue since, but likely will at some time.

This parcel is accessible through adjacent Department lands, but does not have road access.

The Department recommends that the Natural Resources Board offer this land for sale under the authority granted by s. 23.145 Wis. Stats., and that land be offered for sale to The Bad Axe Lutheran Church at the price of \$1.00.



File# WR 500 (4) – Iron County - 121 acres

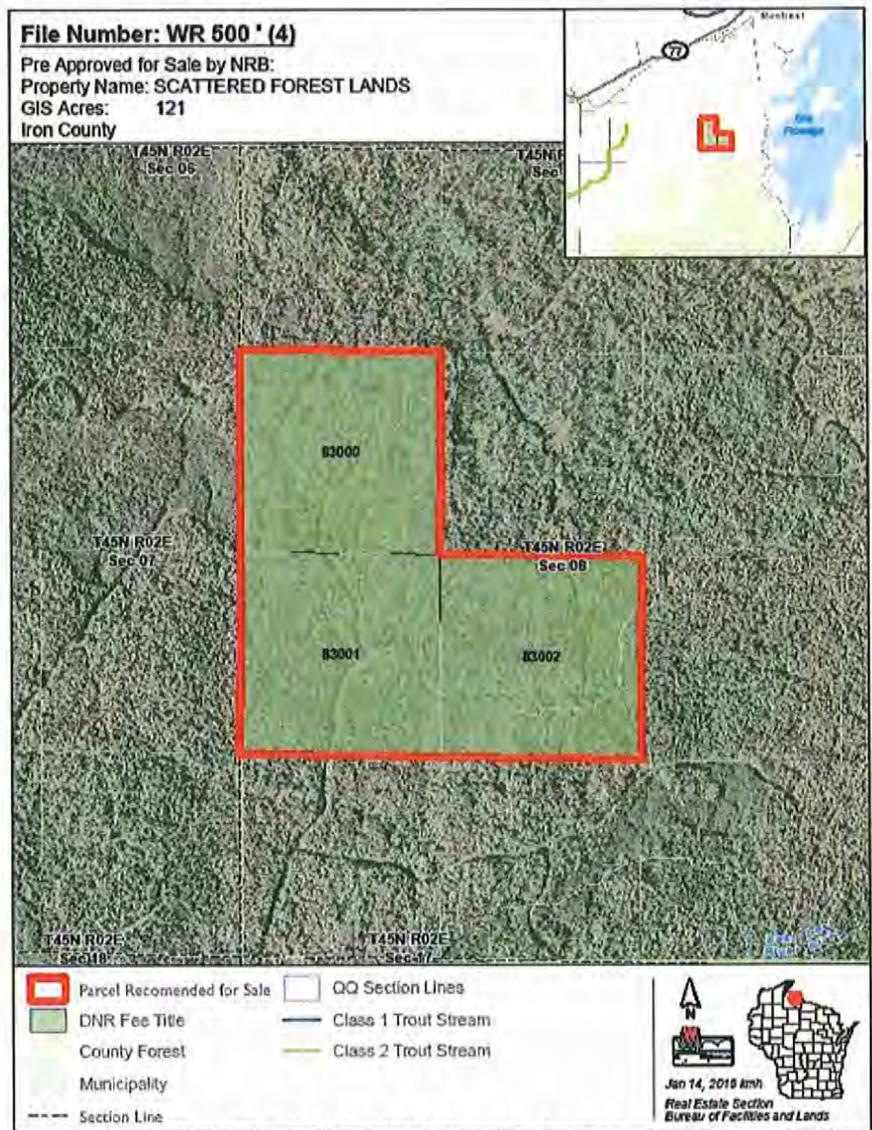
The Department acquired this property as a part of a larger acquisition from Packaging Corporation of America. The 1999 transaction involved 31,890 acres of land in fee and 924 acres in easement for \$25,000,000. At the time of approval the Natural Resources Board directed the Department to enter into discussions regarding resale or exchanges of up to 7,000 acres of land to County governments and/or Tribal governments.

The property has two unnamed creeks, with approximately 1,545 feet of two-bank frontage. This property falls within an area considered by the Wisconsin Wildlife Action Plan as the Winegar Moraine-Moose Creek Conservation Opportunity Area, within the North Central Forest. The North Central Forest contains the best large-scale interior forest management opportunities in the state. There are opportunities to create or maintain large habitat patches, develop or re-establish greater connectivity between forest habitat patches and restore missing and diminished cover types. Restoring conifers to many hardwood forests is a major opportunity. Hemlock and yellow birch, once the dominant species in this landscape, are greatly reduced and declining.

The property was last harvested for timber in 2007, with the next harvest scheduled in 2026. The Department has invested minimal time administering the timber sale. No other infrastructure or habitat improvements have been made.

Because the property lacks road access, use is limited to those that have private adjoining land. The Department currently has a road access agreement through private lands for timber sale uses. Marketing of the parcel will be limited to adjoining landowners as the parcel is landlocked.

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File# FI 211 - Marquette County - 10 acres

The Department acquired this property as a part of a larger acquisition for \$14,250 in 1961. This 10 acre property has approximately 660 feet of one-bank frontage along a ditched tributary to Wedde Creek. It is located within a 250 acre wetland complex. The property is zoned AG-1, which is intended to preserve prime agricultural soils for continued farming as the highest land use to prevent encroachment of urban areas. Because the property lacks legal road access, use is limited to those that have private adjoining land. The Department has not made investments in infrastructure or habitat improvements.

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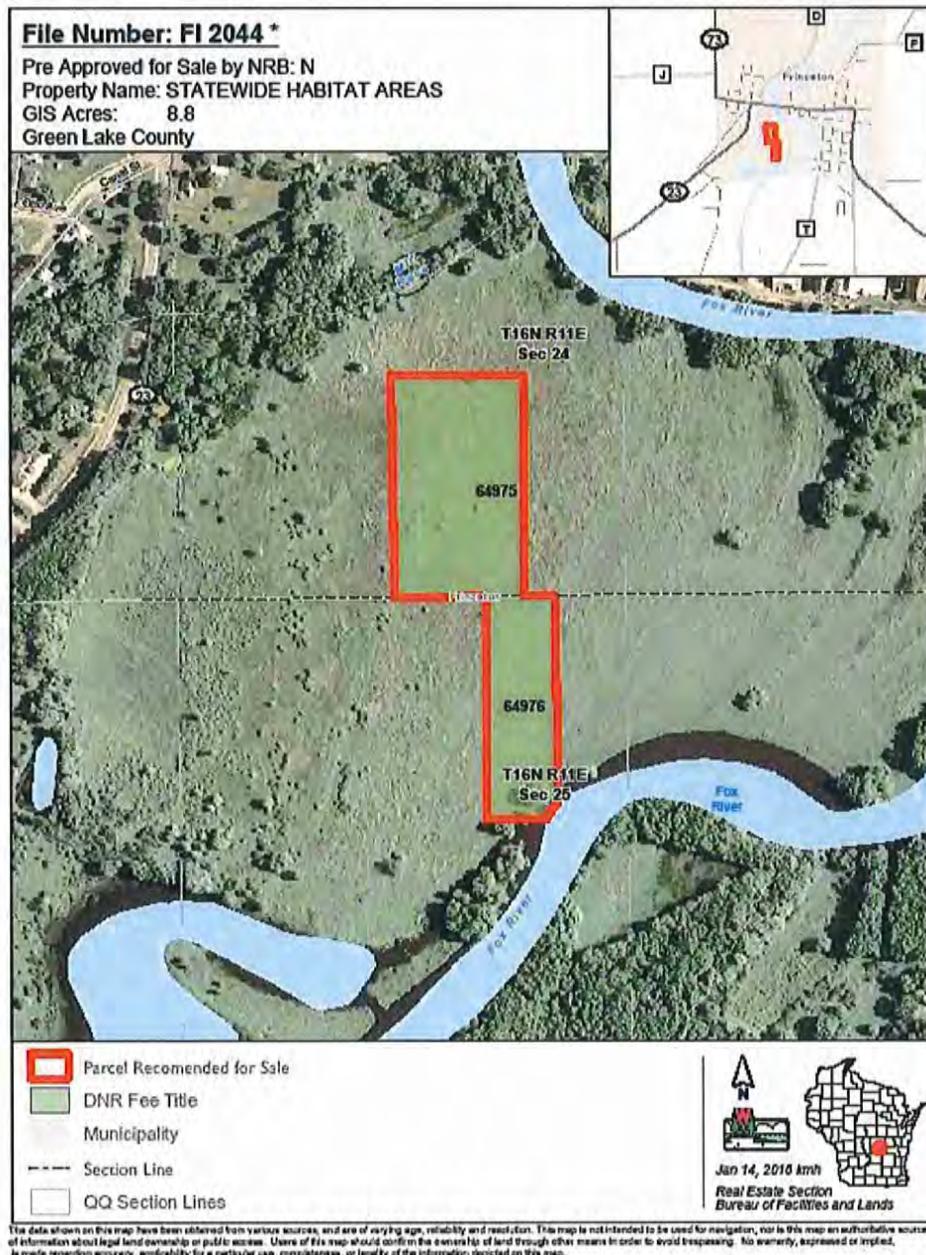


File# FI 2044 – Green Lake County - 8.8 acres

The Department was gifted this property in 1989. The property has approximately 280 feet of one bank frontage on the Fox River, and is located entirely within the flood zone.

Because the property lacks legal road access use is limited to those that have private adjoining land and the public is restricted to legal access through the river. The Department has not made investments in infrastructure or habitat improvements. The property is located within the Village limits of Princeton, and as such wetland and shore land zoning rules would apply to the property.

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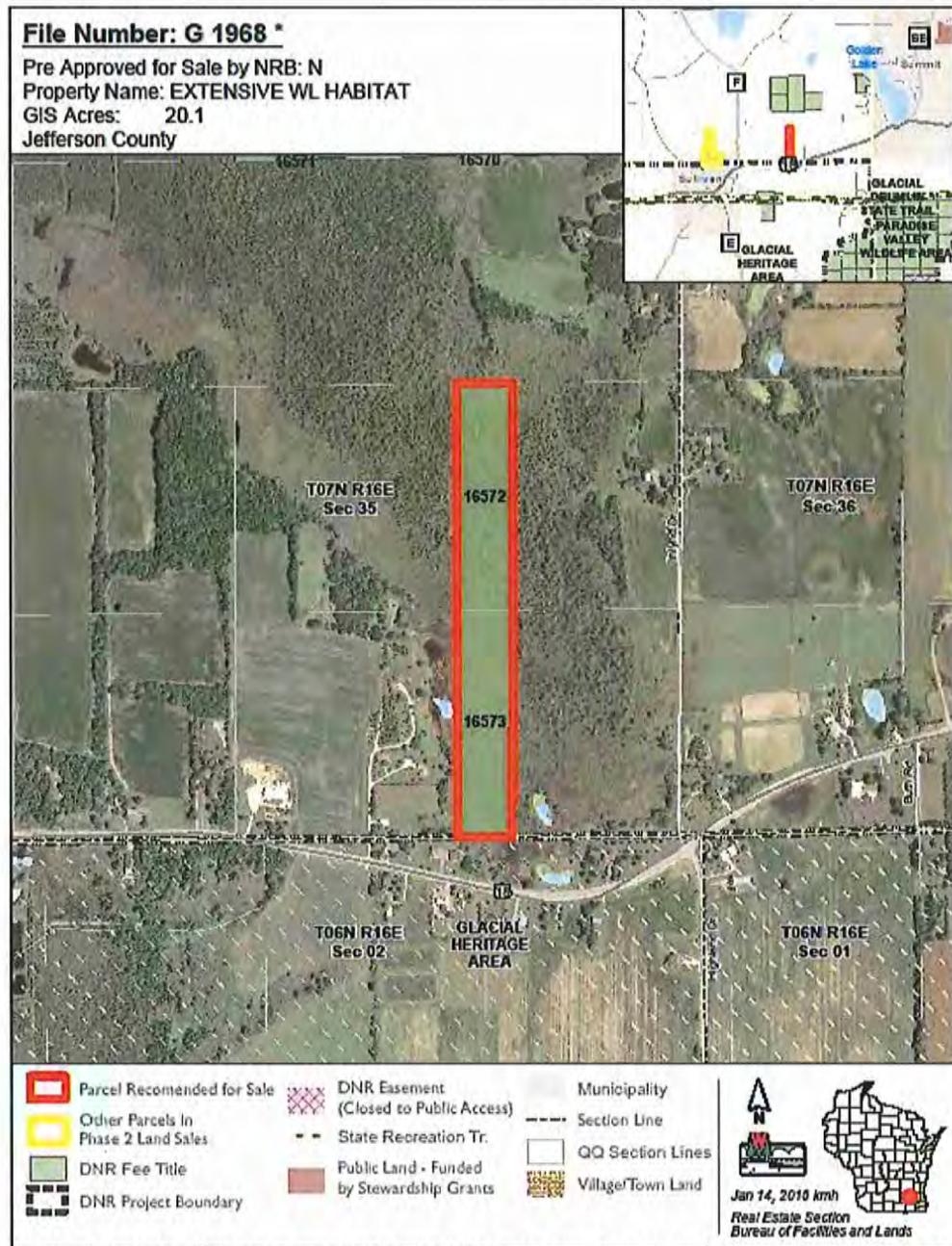


File# G 1968 – Jefferson County - 20.1 acres

The Department acquired this property for \$700 in 1966. This property was acquired under the Jefferson County scattered wetlands project.

Because the property lacks legal road access, use is limited to those that have private adjoining land. The Department has made investments in attempting to acquire legal access as well as invasive species control.

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File# FP 30 – Lincoln County - 24 acres

The Department acquired this property for \$350 in 1948. At the time of acquisition the intent was for the property to be used to carry on experimentation and development of special forest firefighting equipment adapted to the needs of the Department.

Past access to this property was through an old road that no longer exists. There is currently no legal access to the property. Because the property lacks legal road access use is limited to those that have private adjoining land. The Department has not invested in infrastructure or habitat improvements to this property.

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File# G 1218 – Dunn County - 9.3 acres

The Department acquired this property in 1961 for \$225. There is an oxbow in the SW corner of the parcel from Muddy Creek that occasionally fills up during high water conditions but the creek itself no longer flows through the parcel. The Department has accepted two donations nearby that promote a patchwork of habitat in the Muddy creek area and has done wildlife habitat work on those two parcels. This parcel is good quality wildlife habitat. Because the property lacks road access, use is limited to those that have private adjoining land, and the public is restricted to legal access through the creek on the Department parcel to the south. The Department has not invested in infrastructure or habitat improvements to this property, as it is land locked.

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File# G 1207 – Dunn County - 9.3 acres

The Department acquired this property in 1961 for \$150. There is approximately 700 feet of two-bank frontage on Muddy Creek. The Department has accepted two donations nearby that promote a patchwork of parcel acquisition in the Muddy creek area and has done wildlife habitat work on those two parcels. This parcel is good quality wildlife habitat. Because the property lacks road access, use is limited to those that have private adjoining land and the public is restricted to legal access through the creek. The Department has not invested in infrastructure or habitat improvements to this property as it is land locked.

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File# FI 1523 – Fond Du Lac County - 9.4 acres

The Department acquired this property through a court ordered donation in 1980. The parcel is mostly emergent wet meadow with timber located along the southern boundary. It is relatively flat and drains to the northeast. There is an electric easement located adjacent along the west boundary of the property. Because the property lacks road access, use is limited to those that have private adjoining land. The Department has not invested in infrastructure or habitat improvements to this property as it is land locked. Currently the parcel does not have significant recreational or habitat value.

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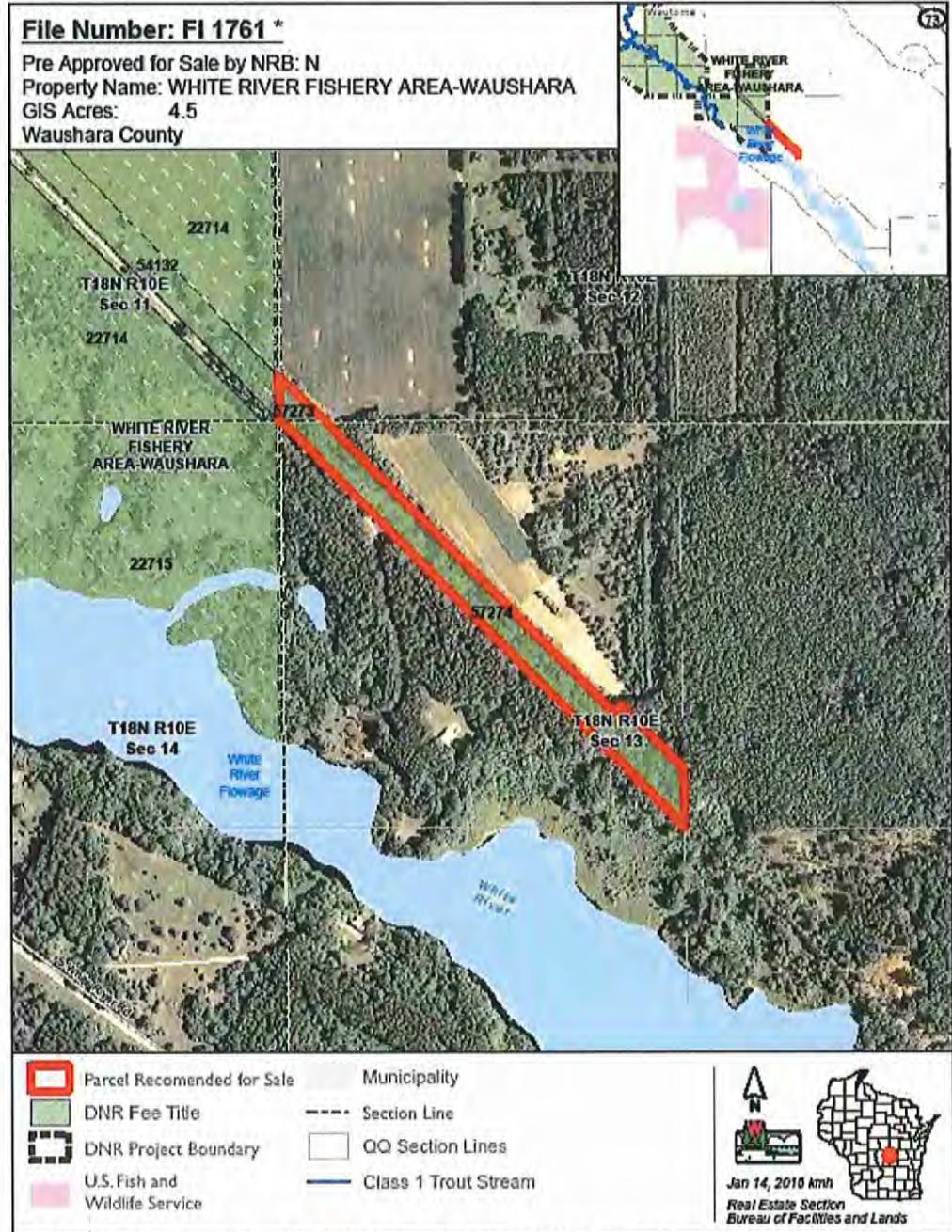
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File# FI 1761 – Waushara County - 4.5 acres

The Department was gifted this property in 1984. It was a former rail road grade. The Natural Resources Board approved the original recommendation that 3.97 acres of the gift be sold or exchanged in the future for other needed lands.

The parcel has no road access, but runs adjacent to a private driveway. Walk in access is available through adjacent Department lands, but there is little indication that the property is being used by the public. The only Department investment has been in time and materials to mark property boundaries and in meeting with the adjacent owners to discuss access. There is currently a boundary issue with the adjacent landowner. This parcel will be marketed directly to the adjacent owners to resolve this issue.

The Department recommends that the Natural Resources Board offer this land for sale under the authority granted by s. 23.145 Wis. Stats.



File# G 1802 — Dodge County - 15 acres

The Department purchased this property in 1964 for \$600. The property was purchased for Wildcat Marsh Area Drainage District, and originally blocked with other public leased lands. The property is mostly wetland and floodplain with a small wooded knoll. Northern long-eared, big brown, little brown and Eastern pipistrelle bats are noted in the area, but with the small area of trees on this property it would have little value to the bats. The property is landlocked, so use is limited to those that have private adjoining land. There has been no Department investment in infrastructure or habitat improvements on the property.

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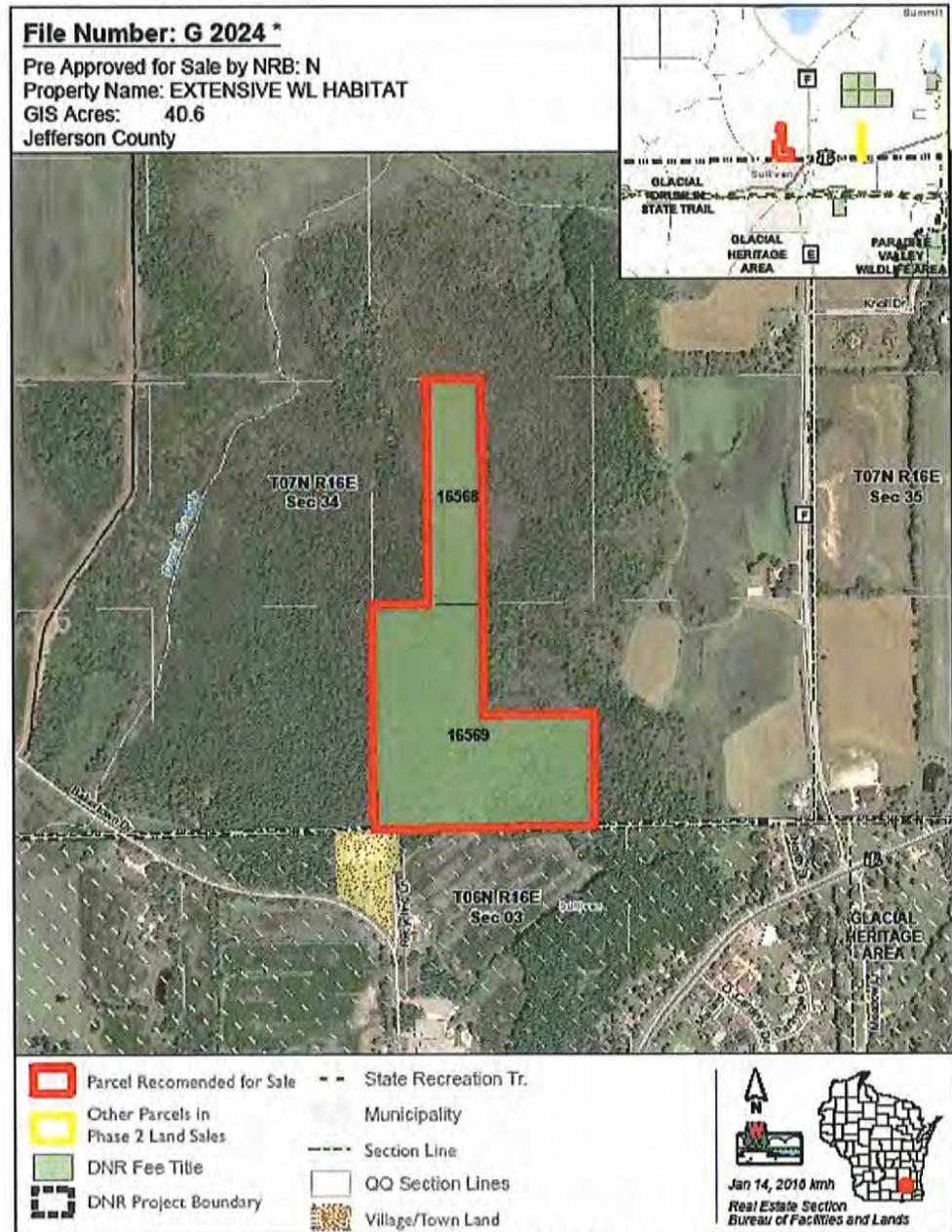


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File# G 2024 — Jefferson County - 40.6 acres

The Department purchased this property in 1966 for \$1,800. The property was purchased as a group of scattered wetland parcels in the county. The property is a floodplain forest community with marketable timber. At the time of purchase the parcel was accessible through an adjacent town property. With changing technology and mapping, it was determined that the property had no legal access and fences were constructed blocking the public from accessing the Department's parcel. The Department has invested \$2,000-\$3,000 for initial invasive species control as well as time to attempt to resolve the access issue. Law enforcement has been called to the site to deal with trespass situations in the past.

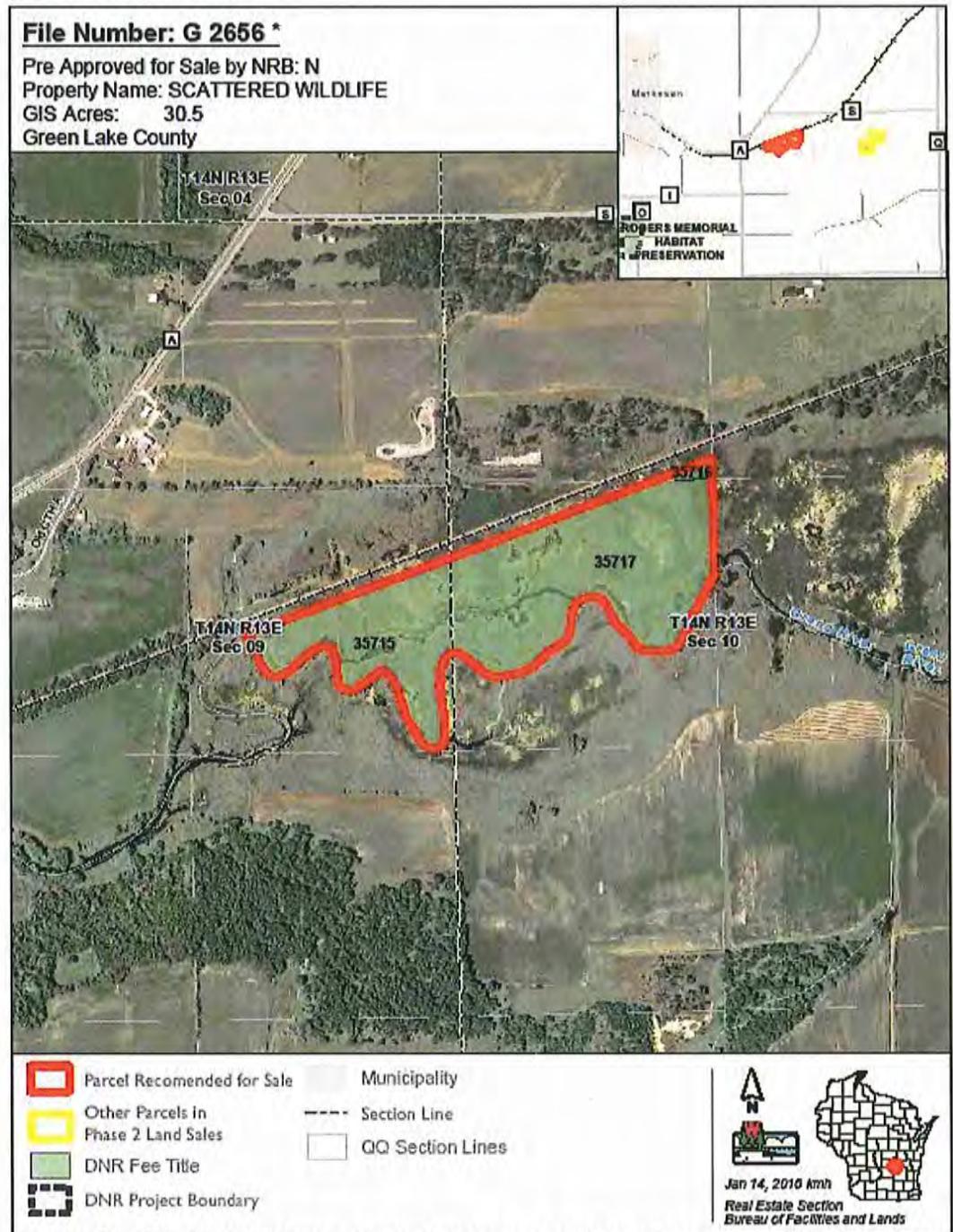
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File# G 2656 — Green Lake County - 30.5 acres

The Department purchased this property in 1972 for \$1,300. The property has approximately 5,244 feet of one-bank frontage along the Grand River. This property was acquired for the Green Lake County Scattered Wetlands program. As a part of Mackford Marsh, it was noted to be in good range for pheasants as well as migrating ducks and geese at the time of acquisition. The property lacks legal access to a road and is limited to those that have private adjoining land. The general public is restricted to legal access from the river. As a result the land offers little recreational or habitat management opportunities.

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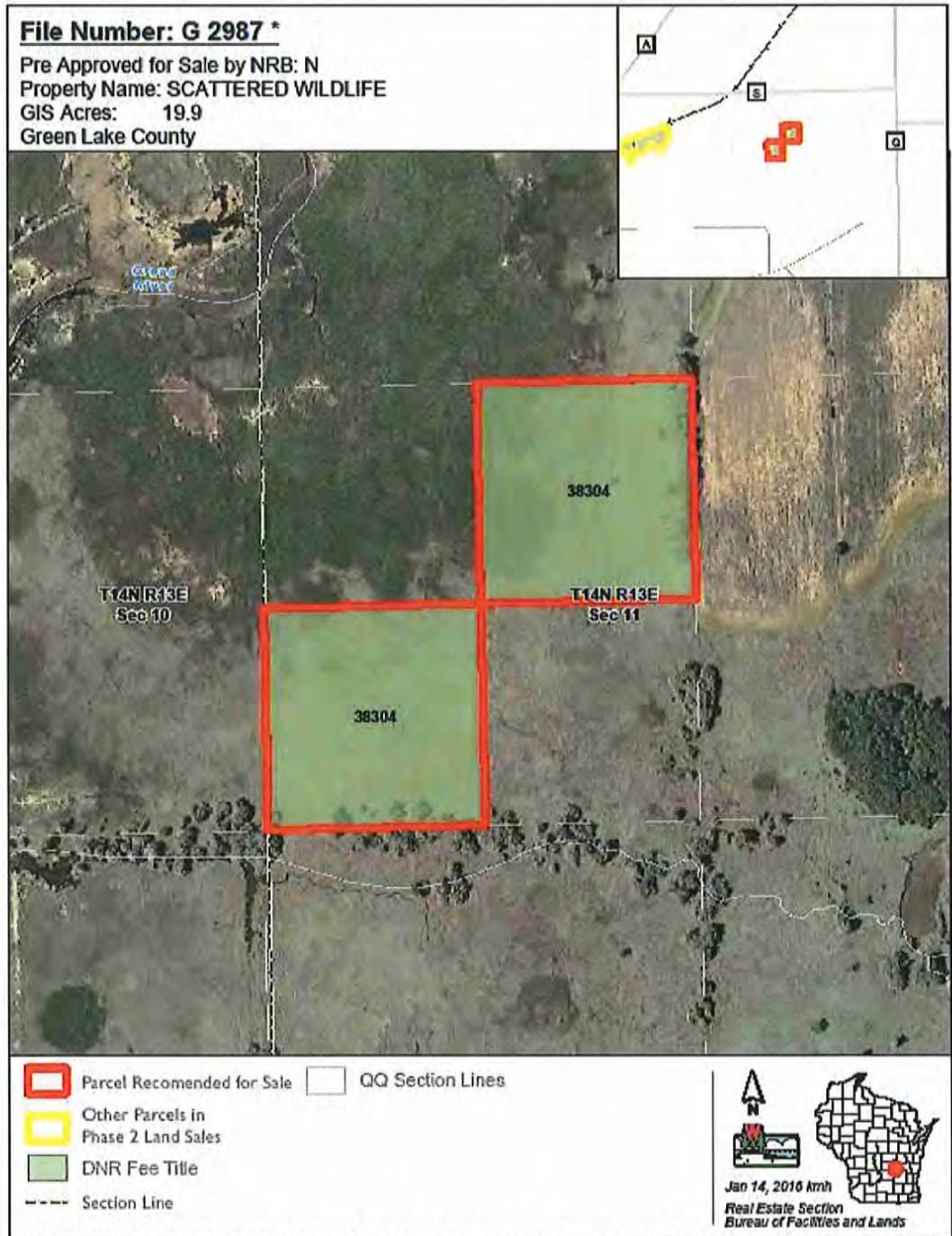


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File# G 2987 — Green Lake County - 19.9 acres

The Department purchased this property in 1974 for \$2,650. This property was acquired for the Green Lake County Scattered Wetlands program. This property is a part of Mackford Marsh, and was noted as good pheasant range when acquired. Because the property lacks legal access, use is limited to those that have private adjoining land. There is no evidence of public use, and the Department has not invested in infrastructure or habitat improvements to the property.

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File# G 1833 – Dane County - 32.4 acres

The Department acquired this property for \$1,200 in 1965 from the State Highway Commission. The property has approximately 472 feet of two-bank frontage on an unnamed stream. The property contains a small amount of successional, low value timber and is passively managed due to lack of public access. The northern portion of the property is designated wetlands; however, due to the disturbed nature of the property it has low ecological value. Any restoration potential would be dependent upon additional purchases within and adjacent to the wetland basin.

Because the property lacks road access, use is limited to those that have private adjoining land, and the public is restricted to legal access through the stream. The Department has not invested in infrastructure or habitat improvements to this property, as it is land locked.

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File# G 1833 A — Dane County - 17 acres

The Department purchased this property in 1965 for \$4,300. The property has approximately 970 feet of one-bank frontage on Door Creek, which runs along the western portion of the property. The parcel is almost entirely disturbed wet meadow and has little recreational or habitat value. The property lacks road access and use is limited to those that have private adjoining land and the general public is restricted to legal access from the creek. The Department has not invested in infrastructure or habitat improvements to this property, and there is no evidence of public use.

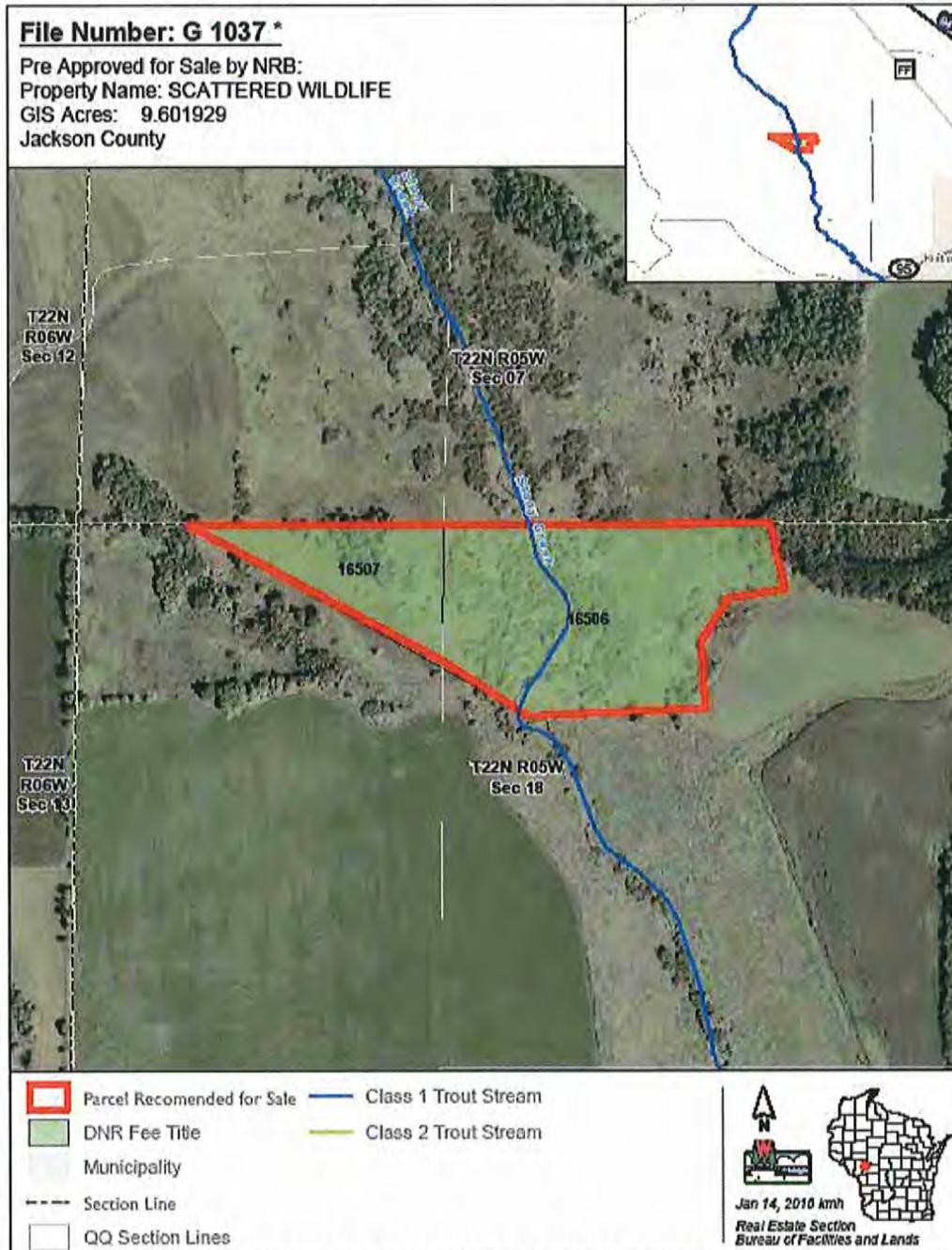
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File# G 1037 – Jackson County – 9.6 acres

The Department purchased this property in 1959 for \$60 for the Scattered Wetlands Program. The property has approximately 1,420 feet of two-bank frontage on Stony Creek, a class one trout stream. There is no road access to the property, so use is limited to adjacent land owners and the public is restricted to legal access through the stream.

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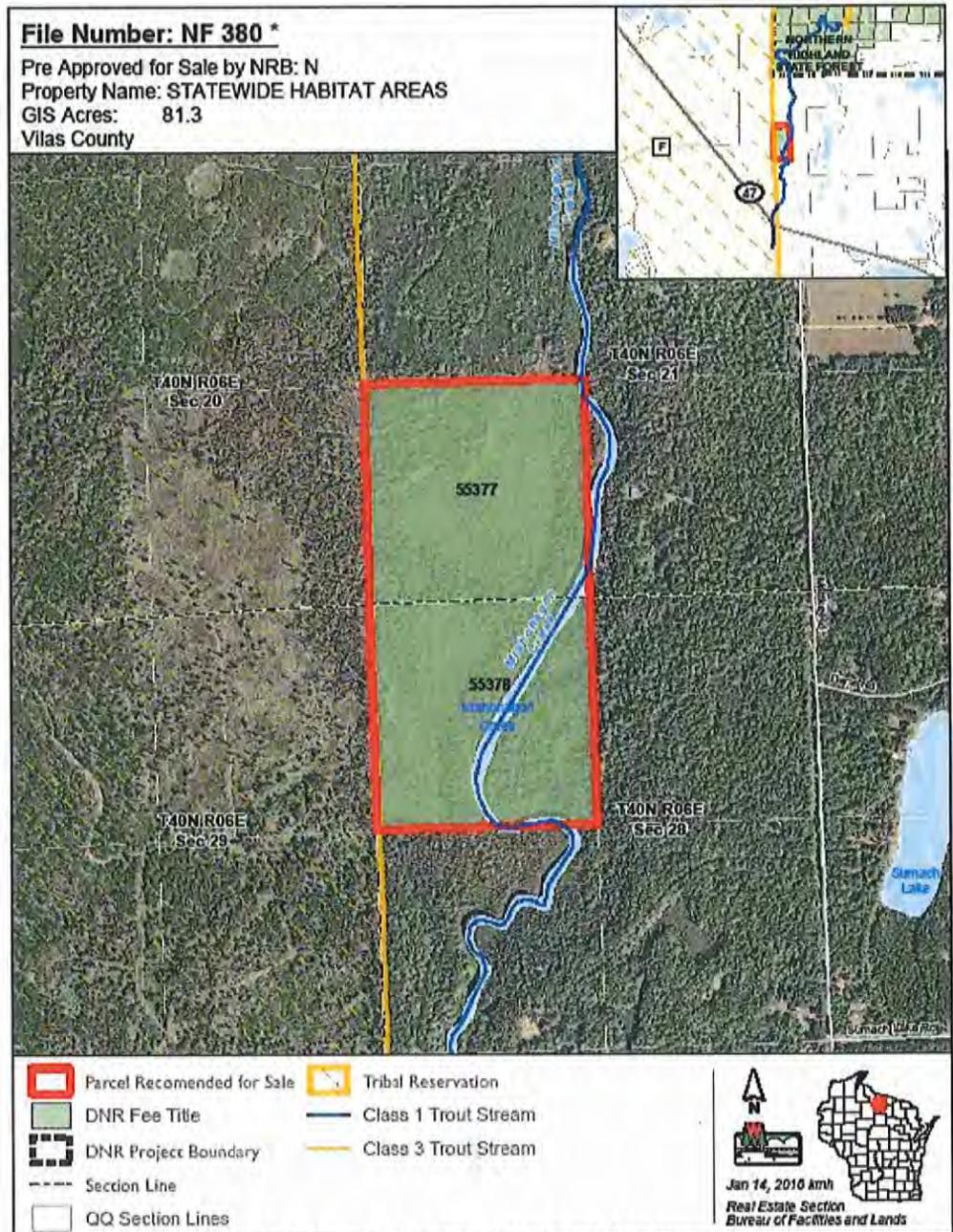
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File# NF 380 — Vilas County - 81.3 acres

The Department exchanged lands with Vilas County for this property in 1983. The property has approximately 4,520 feet of two-bank frontage on Mishonagon Creek, a class one trout stream. The creek provides trout fishing, canoeing and duck hunting opportunities, however, beaver activity and low gradient of the stream limit its value as trout water. Timber on the property was harvested in 1995, and currently there is Aspen regeneration and a few mature pine trees present.

At the time of the exchange, it was anticipated that an easement would be possible to provide access from the east. This never occurred and the property remains land locked and use is limited to those with private adjoining land. The general public is restricted to legal access from the creek. The Department has not invested in infrastructure or habitat improvements to the property.

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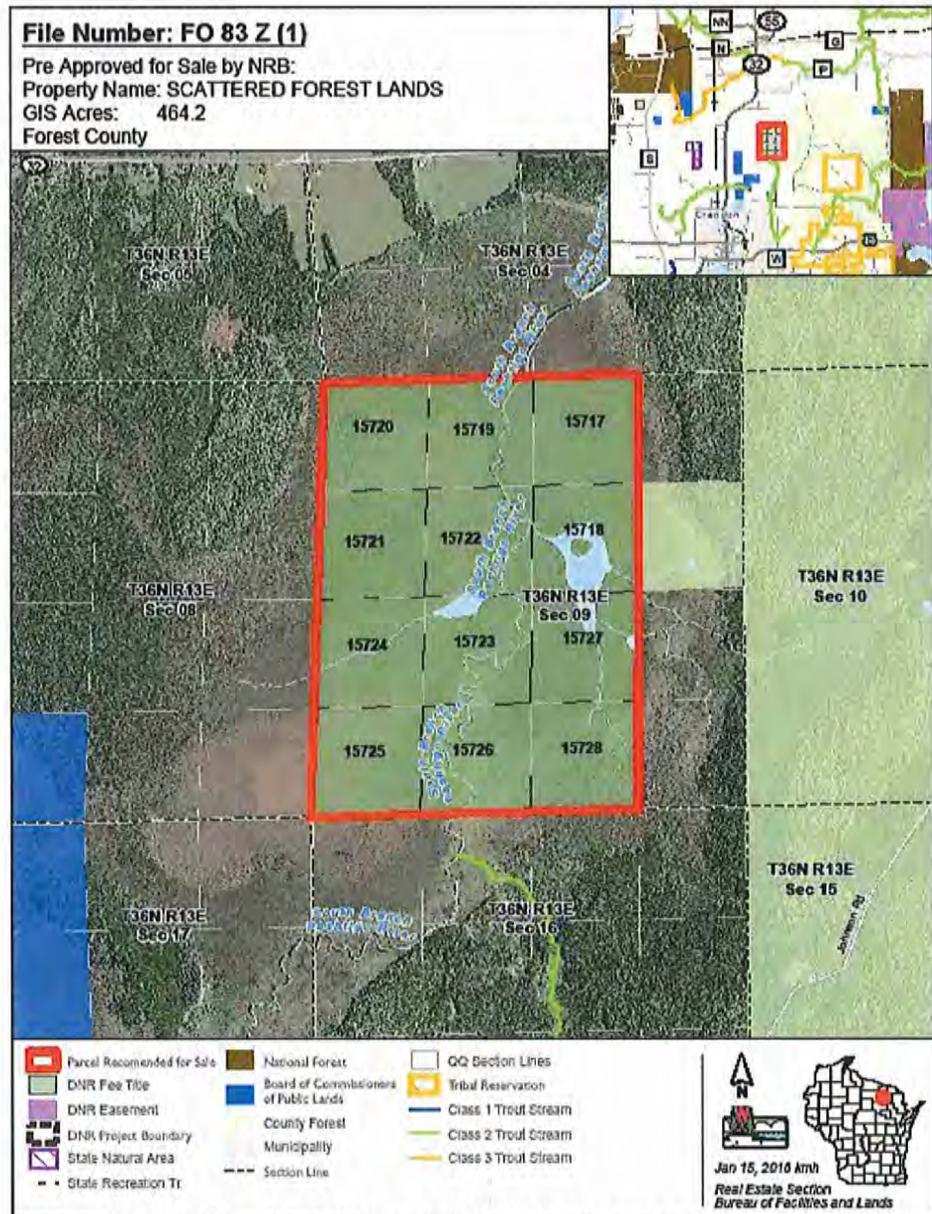


File# FO 83 Z (1) – Forest County - 464.2 acres

The Department acquired this property for \$1,963.78 in 1911. The property has approximately 36,500 feet of two-bank frontage on various branches of the Peshtigo River and other unnamed creeks. Species identified in the NHI portal include Bald Eagle, Spruce Grouse and a Bird Rookery. No significant management actions have been conducted for any of these species, and no infrastructure investments have been made.

Because the property lacks road access, use is limited to those that have private adjoining land. The public is restricted to access the property through adjoining County Forest property.

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File# G 1146 – Rock County - 9.7 acres

The Department was gifted this property in 1961. This property was acquired to provide wildlife nesting cover. Currently the site is primarily degraded woodland with invasive species present and the adjacent waterway is a low gradient agricultural ditch connecting to Taylor Creek. Without the benefit of a site specific survey, the property appears unlikely to support rare species.

The parcel has been included in the Sugar River Master Planning process as a potential sale parcel. Site inspection showed a managed clover field as well as a possible encroachment in the southwest corner of the property and other personal property located on the property.

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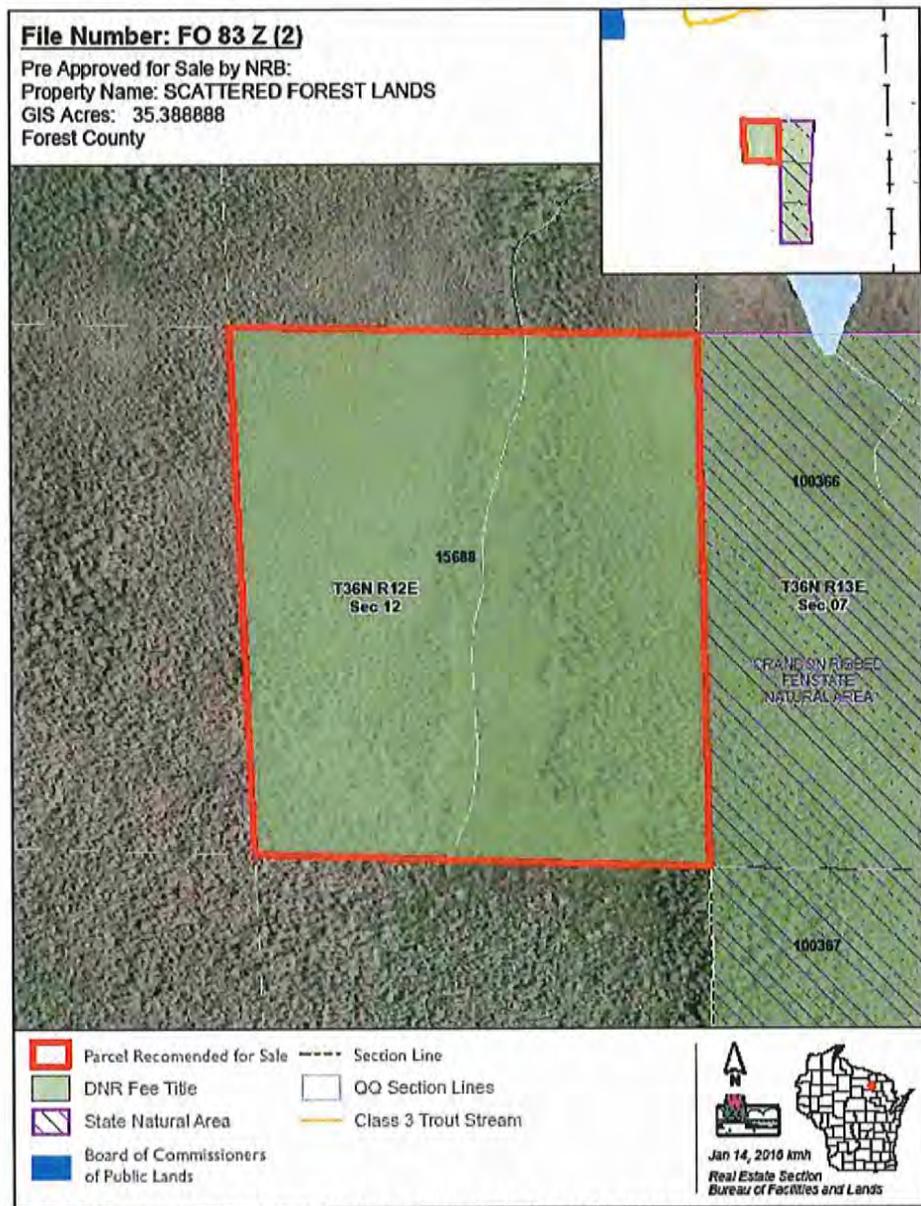
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File# FO 83 Z (2) – Forest County - 35.4 acres

The Department acquired this as part of a larger acquisition in 1911. There is approximately 1,308 feet of two-bank frontage on an unnamed stream on the property. The parcel is landlocked, so use is restricted to adjacent private landowners. The property is adjacent to the Crandon Ribbed Fen State Natural Area. NHC staff confirmed the recommendation to sell this property indicating it will not affect the State Natural Area.

The Department has not invested in infrastructure or habitat improvements on the property.

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File# FO 83 Z (3) – Forest County - 62.4 acres

The Department acquired this as a part of a larger acquisition in 1911. The property is mostly wetland and there is approximately 3,890 feet of two-bank frontage on Mud Creek. The Department has not made investments in infrastructure or habitat improvements. Because the property is landlocked, use is restricted to those with adjacent private land owners.

The Department recommends that the Natural Resources Board offer this land for sale under the authority granted by s. 23.145 Wis. Stats.



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File# G 1127 – Dane County - 10.3 acres

The Department was gifted this property in 1961. The parcel is emergent marsh with approximately 525 feet of two-bank frontage on Keenan Creek, which runs through the eastern portion of the property. There is no legal walk-in access to the property and use of the land is limited to those that have adjoining land. There is no evidence of public use. There has been no investment in infrastructure or habitat improvement on this property.

The Department recommends that the Natural Resources Board offer this land for sale under the authority granted by s. 23.145 Wis. Stats.



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File# WR 500/ (1) – Oneida County – 153.4 acres

The Department purchased this property as a part of a larger acquisition in 1999. This property was approved by the Natural Resources Board for sale in October 2015, through the Woodboro Master Plan. Because of this recommendation, the property was purposefully excluded from the expanded project boundary during the master planning process.

There is a forest management easement with BCPL over the lands in section 12. DNR Forestry staff is evaluating the timber in section 14 for a potential timber sale but no timber sale has been established or sold at this time.

The Department has not made investments in infrastructure or habitat improvements on the property. Although Hwy 51 is on the east side of the parcel, access to that highway is restricted. DNR has a recreation trail easement along the border of Section 14 that could provide walk-in access to the southern portion of the subject.

The Department recommends that the Natural Resources Board offer this land for sale under the authority granted by s. 23.145 Wis. Stats.



File# FI 2695- Waushara County - 19 acres

The Department acquired this property for \$251,000 in 2002. At the time of acquisition, the Natural Resources Board approved utilizing these 19 acres outside the project boundary for future land trades.

The parcel is located within the Comstock Bog and Germania Marsh Conservation Opportunity Area (COA) - Upper Midwest Significance, and currently provides critical habitat identified in the Wildlife Action Plan for the COA. The parcel is also within the High Potential Range for the Karner Blue Butterfly and critical dry upland prairie and lupine habitat is found on and near the property.

The Department has made investments in removing debris and other items from the parcel and there is a long term plan to restore and upland dry area of the parcel. State Turkey Stamp dollars and sharecrop revenue has been identified to be used on this parcel to improve upland nesting and brood rearing habitat for wild turkeys. To accomplish this work, a portion of the parcel that was formerly farmed, is planned to utilize a farming agreement to convert the upland idle field to upland dry habitat. This will improve nesting and brood rearing habitat for wild turkeys and upland songbirds. Also, critical Karner Blue Butterfly habitat will be restored.

Currently very little time or cost is associated with maintaining the property.

The property has an active timber sale marked for sale. There is a snowmobile trail that runs through the property, and there is a gate located in the Northwest corner of the property to prevent illegal Equine travel throughout the larger department parcel.

The property is accessible now through other Department lands, but if sold will be a landlocked parcel.

The Department recommends that the Natural Resources Board offer this land for sale under the authority granted by s. 23.145 Stats.



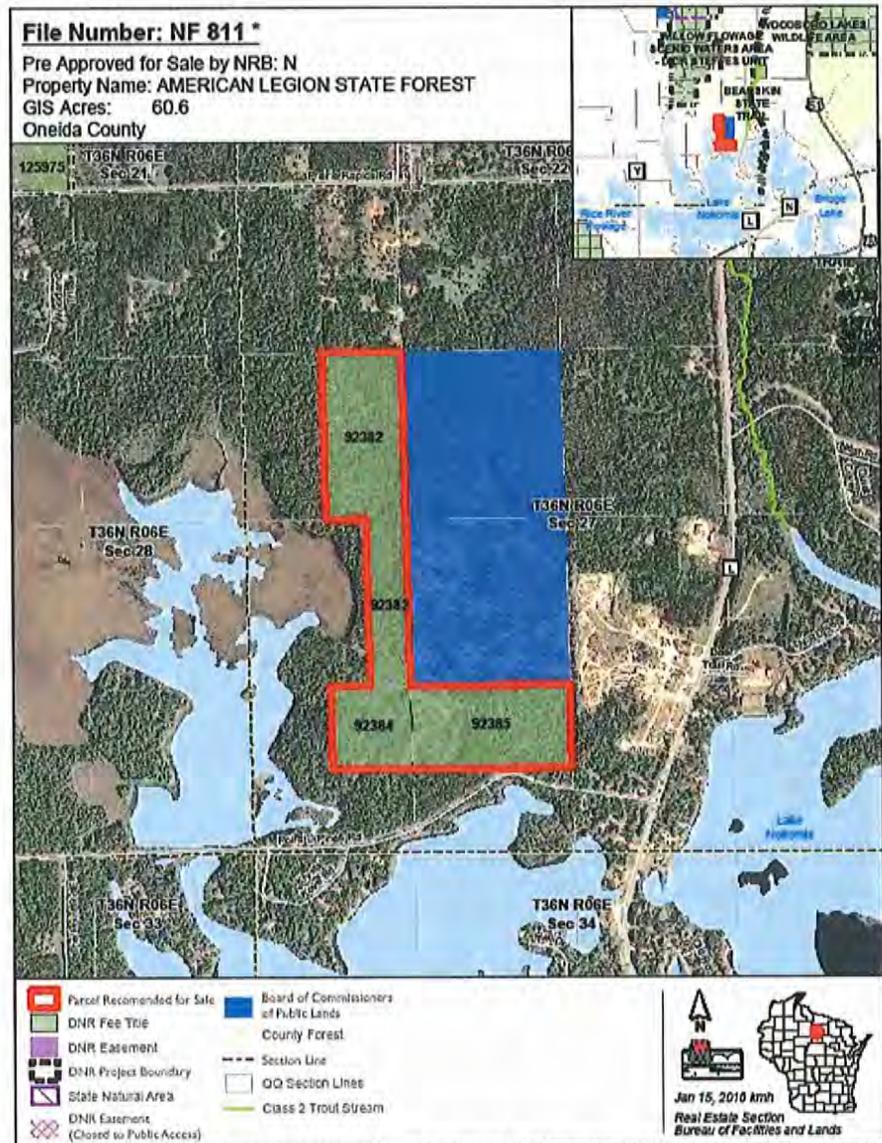
File# NF 811– Oneida County - 60.6 acres

The Department acquired this property as part of a larger acquisition in 2004 from the Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company (WVIC). It included 5,167.4 acres for the Northern Highland/American Legion State Forest, the New Wood Wildlife Area, the Rainbow Flowage, and other scattered forestlands. It also included a donation of 10,041 acres of submerged lands at Rainbow and Willow Flowages. A portion of this purchase is outside of any Department approved project boundary.

Historically this parcel was accessed from Point 'O Pines Road across a small part of WVIC land south of the parcel. A written access agreement could not be located. WVIC put a gate across the existing access road but will allow DNR access for management purposes. There is no legal access for the public.

The Department has not invested in infrastructure or habitat improvements to this property apart from scheduled timber harvest activities. The Snowmobile Club has performed maintenance on the trail. Any sale of the property should ensure that the trail is protected. The town of Nokomis has expressed interest in the parcel.

The Department recommends that the Natural Resources Board offer this land for sale under the authority granted by s. 23.145 Wis. Stats., with the land offered first to the Town of Nokomis, secondly to adjacent landowners subject to an easement for the existing snowmobile trail.



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File# G 1771 – Waukesha County - 17.4 acres

The Department was gifted this property for small game nesting and winter cover in 1964. The donor hoped Boy and Girl Scout groups would assist in the care for the property. The property is considered southern hardwood swamp with a significant amount of ash trees, large swamp white oaks and a small stand of sugar maple/northern hardwoods. The parcel is landlocked, so use is limited to those that have private adjoining land or access to the adjacent county land. No Department investments in infrastructure or habitat improvements have been made on the property. There are possible encroachments with tree stands very close or on the property lines.

The Department recommends that the Natural Resources Board offer this land for sale under the authority granted by s. 23.145 Wis. Stats.



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File# WR 500 (Parcels 2, 5-11) – Iron County - 912.3 acres

The Department acquired this property as a part of a larger acquisition from Packaging Corporation of America in 1999. The transaction included 31,890 acres of land in fee and 924 acres in easement for \$25,000,000. At the time of approval, the Natural Resources Board directed the Department to enter into discussions regarding resale or exchanges of up to 7,000 acres of land to County governments and/or Tribal governments.

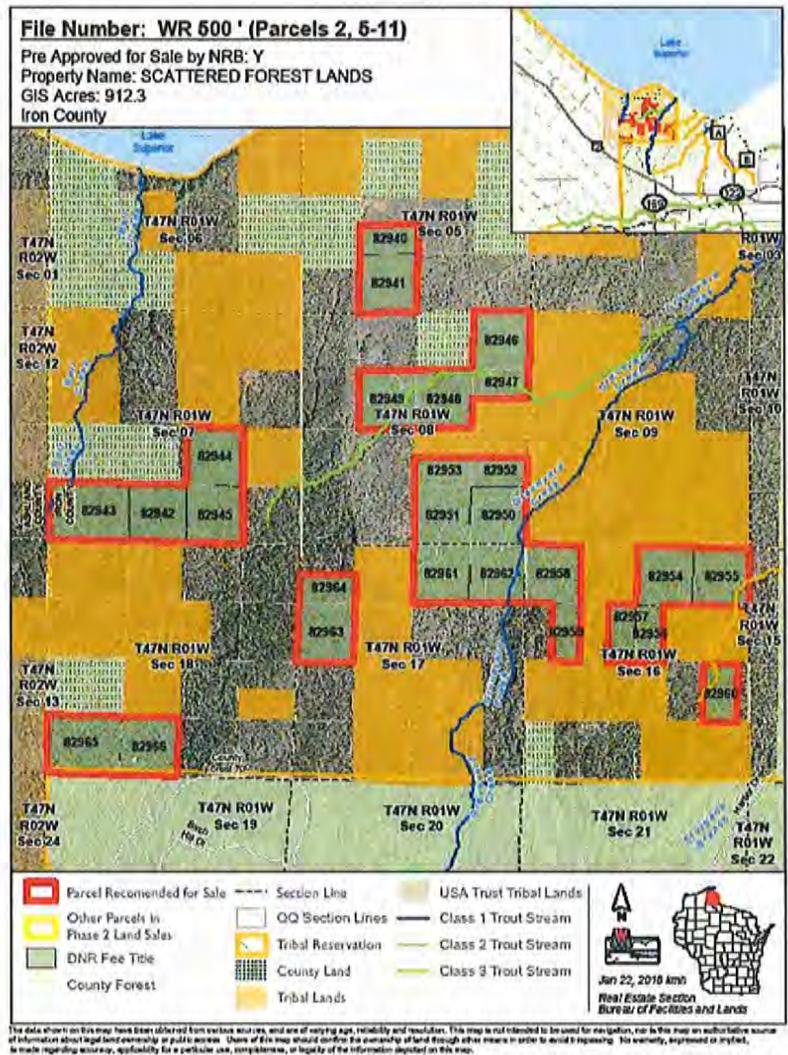
The parcels included in this review have two-bank frontage on Graveyard Creek and Bell Creek, class one trout streams. There is also two-bank frontage on North Branch Graveyard Creek, a class two trout stream and two-bank frontage on Sturgeon Creek, a class three trout stream.

These parcels fall within an area considered by the Wisconsin Wildlife Action plan as the Winegar Moraine-Moose Creek Conservation Opportunity Area, within the North Central Forest. The North Central Forest contains the best large-scale interior forest management opportunities in the state. There are opportunities to create or maintain large habitat patches, develop or re-establish greater connectivity between forest habitat patches and restore missing and diminished cover types. Restoring conifers to many hardwood forests is a major opportunity in this area. Hemlock and yellow birch, once the dominant species in this landscape, are greatly reduced and declining. The Department has not made investments in infrastructure or habitat improvements, only staff time in administering and establishing timber sales.

Because the property lacks road access, use is limited to those that have private adjoining land and the public is restricted to legal access through the creeks intersecting some of these parcels.

The Department has a verbal access agreement through Tribal lands for timber management purposes on some of these parcels; others have not been harvested due to lack of legal access. It is possible the property serves as a connector to nearby snowmobile or ATV trails. There is an active timber sale on the property scheduled to be completed July 1, 2016.

The Department recommends that the Natural Resources Board offer this land for sale under the authority granted by s. 23.145 Wis. Stats. after active timber sales are complete.

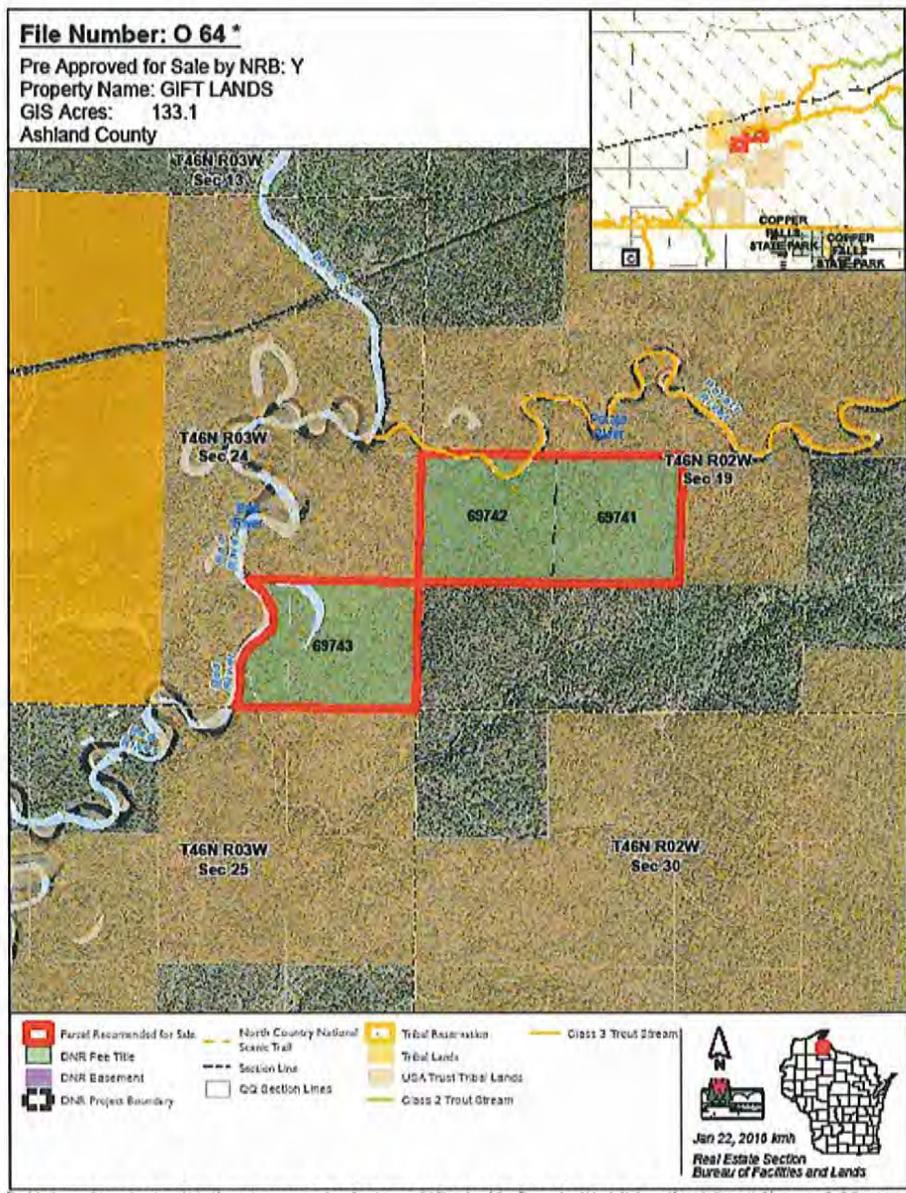


File# O 64 – Ashland County - 133.1 acres

The Department was gifted this property in 1991. The Natural Resources Board directed this property be held for future sale or trade, as it is not associated with a Department project. The acreage is within the Bad River Reservation. The Bad River Tribe was notified at the time of donation, and expressed that they may be interested in acquiring it in the future.

The property has approximately 2000 feet of two-bank frontage on the Potato River, a class three trout stream; and approximately 1400 feet of one bank frontage on the Bad River. Because the property lacks road access, use is limited to those that have private adjoining land, and the public is restricted to legal access through the rivers and only adjoining property owners have use of the land.

The Department recommends that the Natural Resources Board offer this land for sale under the authority granted by s. 23.145 Wis. Stats.



File# W 746 – Dodge County – 39.9 acres

The Department was gifted this property in 1986. The property has small scattered pockets of trees, primarily box elder and green ash.

There is foot access for the public and vehicle access for DNR use only however there is not significant use of the land by the public. Some hunting does occur on the property. There has been minimal investment in the property other than property posting.

The Department recommends that the Natural Resources Board offer this land for sale under the authority granted by s. 23.145 Wis. Stats.



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